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In Re the Application Of

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In A Bottle

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In his requirement for restriction under date of March 21, 2005, the Examiner stated that the above-captioned application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I: FIGURES 1-4; Species II: FIGURES 5-13; Species III: FIGURES 14-16; and Species IV: FIGURES 17-18. Under the provisions of U.S.C. 121, the Examiner required applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Accordingly, applicant provisionally elects claims 11-24, drawn to Species II in FIGURES 5-13, all of which claims read on the species of the invention corresponding to the rupturable container seal and button embodiment, for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement as follows:

It is respectfully submitted that since the claims are directed to various combinations of elements all relating to a tube in a bottle or a connector between two bottles and a mechanism for selectively causing intermixing of the bottle contents, that prosecution would be expedited by a single action on the merits for claims 1-24. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of the requirement for restriction and prosecution of claims 1-24 in a single action is respectfully solicited.

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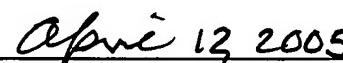
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